



## 1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 44

May 23, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives BOYLE, URBAN, HANSON, MUSSER, HUEBSCH, GRONEMUS, JOHNSRUD, SCHNEIDERS, DOBYNS, HAHN, GROTHMAN, SERATTI, WIRCH and KREUSER, cosponsored by Senators JAUCH, CLAUSING, BURKE, RUDE, PLEWA, COWLES, MOEN, ANDREA and BRESKE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** requesting the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp commemorating  
2         Richard Bong.

3         Whereas, Richard Bong was one of the most illustrious residents of northern  
4     Wisconsin, having been born in Superior and educated in Poplar and Superior; and

5         Whereas, Richard Bong was a leading American hero during World War II; and

6         Whereas, he demonstrated his military skill and courage by shooting down 40  
7     enemy planes in combat in the Pacific theater of operations; and

8         Whereas, he demonstrated even greater valor and dedication by volunteering  
9     for combat while assigned to duty as an instructor, during that time destroying 12  
10    of his total of 40 enemy planes; and

11        Whereas, for his intrepid exploits Major Bong received 26 decorations,  
12    including the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the  
13    Silver Star with clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with clusters, the Air  
14    Medal with clusters and the Australian Flying Cross; and

15        Whereas, he died tragically during 1945 in a crash of a new aircraft he was  
16    testing; and

